

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated April 26, 2005 and have made amendments to the claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) in that the amendment and remarks below place the application and claims in condition for allowance. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants submit that the claim amendments made herein do not raise new issues in the application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended for clarity to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. None of these changes raises new issues in the application. Applicants submit that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance or, at least, presents the application in better form for appeal. Entry of the present amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner, and have amended claim 3 to conform to the language of amended claim 1. It is submitted that all pending claims are now clear and definite. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-15 are allowable over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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